

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Capitol

Room: 102

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

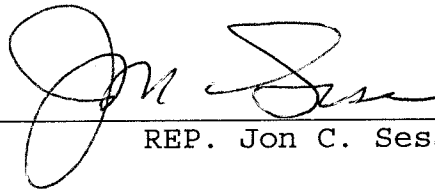
Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

HB 112, HB 127, HB 167

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

COMMENTS:



REP. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: 1/13/09

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
Rep. Hiner	X	
Rep. McNutt	X	
Rep. Villa	X	
Rep. Roberts	X	
Rep. Henry	X	
Rep. Steenson	X	
Rep. Nooney	X	
Rep. McChesney	X	
Rep. Getz	X	
Rep. Hawk	X	
Rep. Kasten	X	
Rep. Morgan	X	
Rep. Hollandsworth	X	
Rep. Ankney	X	
Rep. Pease-Lopez	X	
Rep. Hollenbaugh	X	
Rep. Mehlhoff	X	
Rep. Jones	X	

Rep. Glaser	X
Chairman Sesso	X

**Montana House of Representatives
Visitors Register**

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date Jan. 13th, 2009

Bill No. 127

Sponsor(s) Rep. Jon Sesso

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
DAN HUBBER	D.M.A.			X
FRANK C. LITTLE	MTNG			X
John E. Walsh	DMA	X		
XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	X		
SEAN R. PUTNAM	DMA	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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Date Jan. 13th, 2009

Bill No. 167

Sponsor(s) Rep. Diane Sands

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Jay Robson	Missoula CVB + Tourism	✓		
Jack Puckett	Missoula	✓		
Loren Flynn	Travelers Rest Pres. & Heritage Assn	✓		
Maria Berger	Travelers Rest Pres. & Heritage Association	✓		
Jim Farrington	Travelers Rest preservation Assn	✓		
Wendy Chapman	Travelers Rest	✓		
Stuart Crook	Travelers Rest SP	✓		
Kim Kaufman	" " "	✓		
Hazel Pflieger	Travelers Rest St.P.	✓		
Dick Haines	MSLD city council	✓		
Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs	self	✓		
Chere Truist	MT Preservation Alliance	✓		
WY HAWK	HD 90	✓		

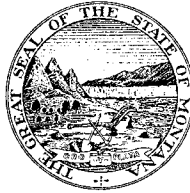
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DATE 1/13/09
HB 167

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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Sands
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Members of the Appropriations Committee

From: *[Signature]* David Ewer, Budget Director

Re: Opposition to HB 167, Funding for Travelers' Rest State Park

Date: January 13, 2009

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